

Ueli cleared the matter with the town council and has now given us the go-ahead to work with the town clerk in coordinating the project.

The winter semester is now in full swing at the university. In one seminar I will be allowed to pursue the histories of various families native to the Dientig Canyon. In another seminar I will be using the text of Grandpa's mission journal as the basis for a viewpoint of the everyday life of an individual in the 19th century Bern Switzerland. This very morning one of my professors told me of her collaboration with several professors at the University of Zurich in studying immigration of the Swiss to Russia. evidently the most important sources of information are the surviving Russian-Swiss who were born there and can still remember the conditions, people, etc. I believe our "Summit meeting" gave me an important foundation on which I will now be able to build together with Igor in doing historical research concerning this heretofore neglected portion of the history of the Swiss. With these developments I am once again certain that such things are simply not chance nor coincidental.

As a result of the various newspaper articles which appeared in the Swiss press concerning your visit I have been invited to prepare a slide lecture telling how the tour was organized and the details of the various excursions. It is to be presented in January to the Bernese chapter of the Swiss Society for Genealogical Studies. (When I once talked about the Church's granite mountain record vaults to the same group, I received invitations over a period of nearly two years to present that same lecture to most of the other Swiss chapters.) Presumably an opportunity will come later to present the same lecture concerning your visit to Switzerland in Zurich, Basel, St. Gallen and Lucerne. Therefore, I am writing to ask a Bitte of those of you who took slides on the visit here this fall. Would you please be so kind as to go through them and select the good ones, have another slide made from your original and send me the copies ? I hate to beg, but if the lecture is to be very successful I will need a couple of shots of most of the various excursions we made together, i.e., to the old homes, the reunion (relatives, folk dancers, dinner, dinner, etc.) The dairies, the presentation of the bell, the exhibit in the cantonal archives, the reception at the State House with Dr. Josi, the Schilthorn, Chillon, (pronounced she- own ! remember ?) etc., etc., etc. Should more than one of you send a slide of